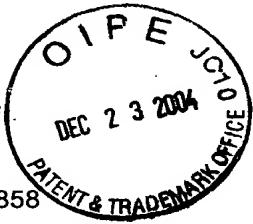


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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

In re Patent Application of

Akifumi Kamijima

Application No.: 09/772,858

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Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: Allan W. Olsen

Confirmation No.: 2102

Title: THIN-FILM PATTERING METHOD, MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THIN-FILM DEVICE AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
 Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$65.00 (2814) \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
 Also enclosed is/are _____

- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
 Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$395.00 (2801) \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
 Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
 Applicant(s) previously submitted _____

on _____, for which continued examination is requested.
 Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
 A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- No additional claim fee is required.
- An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

| AMENDED CLAIMS | | | | | |
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| | No. of Claims | Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For | Extra Claims | Rate | Additional Fee |
| Total Claims | 27 | MINUS 27 = | 0 | x \$50.00 (1202) = | \$ 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 9 | MINUS 9 = | 0 | x \$200.00 (1201) = | \$ 0.00 |
| If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203) | | | | | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Claim Amendment Fee | | | | | \$ 0.00 |
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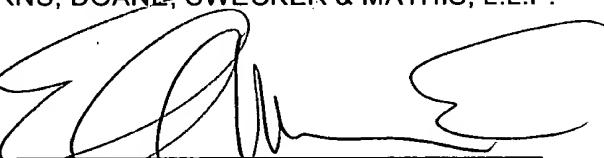
- A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
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- Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 1, 2004 (Paper No. 20040927). Please amend the above-noted application as follows: